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1. This is the third of a series of reports dealing with the project wherein source will attempt a comprehensive survey of all dissident Slav elements in Berlin. Previous reports include BSC/ Ops 003 dated 2 December 1946, and Report No. 626/MGB-911, dated 3 December 1946.

2. On 25 November, source visited Dr. WALTER, Pariserstrasse 19, Wilmersdorf. Dr. WALTER made a good impression on source, who found him to be strongly anti-Bolshevik, pro-Allied, and with an interest in politics. He knows the Russian colony in Berlin. A physician specializing in women's diseases, he gets visits from Russian women from the Russian Sector of Berlin. He has also received frequent invitations to visit sick Russians in military installations on Luisenstrasse and Marienstrasse, but has never gone there.

3. Concerning Russian enigmas in Berlin, WALTER stated that some of them remained trustworthy. Dr. Leonid AXENOFF (cf Report No. 626/MGB-911) is one of these few.

4. The interviewee declared that L. WOLKOWITZKAYA (cf LBX-580; MGH-003-1114) of Bismarckstrasse 2, did not only work for a German firm in the American Sector of Berlin, but that she also has been used as an interpreter at Soviet installations--Marienstrasse, for one--and has often gone to Karlshorst. *ced*

5. Information was also received concerning a certain Georg GRASNOW, Berlin-Wilmersdorf, Markgraf-Albrechtstrasse 14, who was formerly a candy manufacturer in Russia, who fled to Finland after the Revolution, has been stateless since 1924, and a Nazi party member since 1933. In 1945, GRASNOW worked for several months supplying goods, ranging from soap to works of art, to high Russian Army officers. At that time he made numerous business trips into Thuringia and Saxony. At the moment, he is in Berlin working independently as appraiser of antiques, commercial agent and black marketer. His wife, Lidia, is claimed to be irrationally anti-Bolshevistic. *ced*

6. A certain dentist, Dr. MENTSCHEL, Uhlandstrasse, is claimed by WALTER to be a Soviet agent. According to source, he intends to move to Potsdam shortly. (NOTE: The April 1946 Berlin telephone directory lists a Dr. Walter MENTZEL, W 15, Uhlandstrasse 25, as a lawyer and notary). *ced*

7. Concerning the Russian church, WALTER stated that many Soviet "observers" attend the services. These include women members of the older emigrant class as well as Soviet agents.

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